LETTER
BOX

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MY DEAR,

YOU have gained a pretty picture by learning the letter a. Shall you not be glad when you can tell the letter b? You will then receive a second packet containing another nice picture, from

Your ever affectionate

MAMMA.

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MVSEVM
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A. Z.

A. a.

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My Dear,

YOUR papa is much pleaſed to hear that you have learned the letter b, and ſo am I alſo. More treaſures are prepared for you, and you will poſſeſs them, ſo ſoon as you learn the letters and tell them to

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ab ba

B. b.

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My Dear,

AS you can now ſay a, b, and c, I think you will ſoon be able to ſpell the following ſyllables and words, becauſe none of them include more letters than you have already acquired, and you can then read them to

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ab ba ac ca

Abba. A word in the Syriac and Chaldee languages, ſignifying father; or papa.

Baa. The cry of a Sheep.

Cab. A Hebrew meaſure containing about three pints Engliſh.

C. c.

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My Dear,

NOW you have learned letter d, you are in poſſeſſion of four pictures. Are you not much pleaſed? Shall you not be much more ſo when you have gained the whole and can read the deſcriptions of them?

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ad da

Bad. Naughty; not good.

Dab. A kind of ſmall flat fiſh.

Add. To join ſomething to that which was before.

D. d.

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My Dear,

HERE is another treaſure to add to the ſtore you have already acquired, and a great many more words, which you will now be able to read. I am ſure you will receive great pleaſure and give the ſame to

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eb be ec ce ed de

Abed. In bed.

Ace. An unit; a ſingle point on Cards.

Accede. I accede to your wiſh in ſending you this letter.

Babe. An Infant.

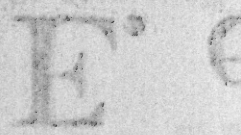
Bed. Something to ſleep on.

Bee. The little inſect that makes honey.

Bead. A ſmall ball, uſually ſtrong in numbers on a thread as an ornament of dreſs

Decade. The ſum of ten.

Ebb. The word uſed to expreſs the running of the tide towards the ſea.



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My Dear,

YOU have yet learned ſo few letters that it is difficult to find words. I have been able to ſend you only five, which I hope you will ſoon learn to read to

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af fa ef fe

Beef. The fleſh of an Ox, prepared for food.

Deaf. Deprived of the power of hearing.

Deface. To diſfigure any thing.

Face. The viſage. I hope the maid has waſhed your face to-day.

Fade. To wither. The flowers gathered yeſterday are faded.

Decf.

Decl. Deprived of the power of hearing.

Deface. To disfigure any thing.

Face.

Fade. To wither. The flower garland yesterday we faded.

F. f.

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My Dear,

YOU longed to receive this packet, and you have got it; did you not jump for joy at receiving it ſo ſoon? I am ſure you did and I hope you will ſoon gain another from

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Mamma.

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ag ga eg ge

Adage. A maxim, a proverb.

Age. Time of life. I hope you will have learned a great deal by the time you are ten years of age.

Bag. A ſack.

Baggage. The furniture of an army.

Beg. To aſk. The poor beg for bread.

Beagle. A ſmall dog.

Cage. An incloſure of twigs or wire, in which birds are kept.

Edge. The thin or cutting part of the blade of any ſharp inſtrument.

Egg, from which animals of the feathered tribe are produced.

G. g.

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My Dear,

THE number of words I ſend you to learn, obliges me to ſhorten my letter, for I have only room in this to tell you, that your improvement gives me great pleaſure, and that you are loved if poſſible, better and better every day, by

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Mamma.

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ah ha he

Ache. A continued pain.

Ah. An interjection.

Chad. A ſort of fiſh.

Chaff. The huſks of corn, that are ſeparated by thraſhing and winnowing.

Each. Every one.

Head. When you go out you put your hat on your head.

Hedge. A fence made round Gardens or fields, with buſhes.

Heed. Care, attention.

Achc.

Ab.

Chad.

ChaF.

Hach.

Head.

Hedge.

Heal.

H. h.

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My Dear,

THIS is the ninth letter I have ſent you; one, two, three, four, five, ſix, ſeven, eight, nine, and you have learned as many letters of the alphabet, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i. Here are now a great many more words than I have before been able to ſend you, and I hope you will ſoon read them to

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ib bi ic ci id di if fi ig gi

Abide. To continue in one place.

Acid. Any thing that is ſour.

Aid. Help; ſupport.

Bid. To command.

Big. Large.

Chide. To reprove.

Chief. A commander; a leader.

Die. Colour uſed in dying.

Dig. To pierce with a ſpade. I dig in the Garden.

Fib. A word not true. None but very very naughty children tell fibs.

Fig. The fruit of a fig-tree.

Hide. The ſkin of an animal.

Ice. Water or other liquor made ſolid by cold.

Ice.

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My Dear,

YOU will not be jaded (that is tired) by learning to read the words now ſent you, for here is only one. Tell me that quickly, and you will ſoon have another packet from

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Mamma.

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Jade. To tire.

My Dear,

YOU will not be jaded then is tired by learning

to read the words now lent you, for here is only one. Tell me that

quickly, and you will loan have another packet from

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Jade. To tire.

J. J.

J. j.

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My Dear;

YOU like a cake, here is the word; c, a, k, e; but before you can have a cake it muſt be baked, and when you can ſpell the word bake and all the other words in this letter, I think you will deſerve a cake from

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Mamma.

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ak ka ek ke ik ki

Bake. To harden with heat.
Cake. A kind of delicate bread.
Deck. The floor of a ſhip.
Dike. A bank or mound to hinder inundations.

Ka. Ke.

Able.

All.

Ball.

Chalk.

Dale.

Fall.

Gill.

Hill.

Ill.

Keel.

K. k.

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My Dear,

ENCLOSED I ſend you the picture of a Lion, and when you are older I will take you to ſee a live Lion, and Leopards, and Tigers, and a great many beautiful birds, with which I know you will be very much pleaſed and that will add to the pleaſure of

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Mamma.

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al la el le il li

Able. Having power ſufficient.

All. Every one,

Ball. Any thing made in a round form.

Chalk. A kind of earth; white and hard.

Dale. A vale; a valley.

Fall. To tumble. Take care you do not fall down and hurt yourſelf.

Gill. The apertures at each ſide of a fiſh's head.

Hill. An elevation of ground leſs than a mountain,

Ill. Not well.

Keel. The bottom of a ſhip,

D

L. l.

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My Dear,

WHEN you can read well enough to have the little books belonging to the letter-box, you will find the deſcription of the picture encloſed, by which you will learn that a mill is a machine to grind corn into flour, to make bread and nice cakes for children.

I am,

My Dear

Your ever affectionate

Mamma.

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am ma em me im mi

Balm. The name of a plant.

Blame. To charge with a fault. I muſt blame you when you do wrong.

Calm. Serenity; ſtillneſs.

Damage. To do miſchief; to injure.

Fame. Renown.

Game. Sport of any kind.

Hem. To cloſe the edge of cloth by a hem, or double border ſewed together.

Lamb. A young ſheep.

Lame. Crippled; diſabled in the limbs.

Mamma. The fond word for mother.

Bam.

Blame.

Calm.

Damage.

Fame.

Game.

Hem.

Lamb.

Lame.

Mammal.

M. m.

Arrest.

Bank.

Cane.

Dine.

End.

Fan.

Ink.

King.

Name.

M. m.

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My Dear,

ENCLOSED I ſend you the picture of a Bird's-neſt, it is made by the little birds that you ſee during the ſummer going to and fro, they are then gathering materials to build the neſt, which is contrived with wonderful ingenuity. When you are older I will tell you more about it, but muſt now conclude; believe me

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Mamma.

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an na en ne in ni

Amend. To grow better; but I hope you are good already.

Bank. Any heap of earth piled up.

Cane. A kind of ſtrong reed.

Dine. To eat the chief meal about the middle of the day.

End. The extremity of any thing.

Fan. An inſtrument uſed by the ladies, to move the air and cool themſelves.

Ink. The black liquor with which people write.

King. Monarch; ſupreme governor.

Name. The term by which any perſon or thing, is diſtinguiſhed.

Amend.

Bank.

Cane.

Dine.

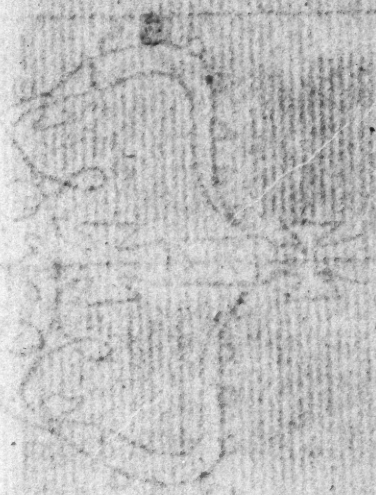
End.

Fan.

Ink.

King.

Name.



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My Dear,

YOU are pleaſed that you can ſpell and read ſo many words; how delighted will you be when you can read in a number of books of which there are many ſuited to your age, for though it is a pleaſure to have them read to you, it will be a much greater to be able to read them yourſelf, and then you will begin to write. Oh how I ſhall treaſure the firſt letter I receive from you! What delight will it give to

Your ever affectionate

Mamma.

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ob bo oc co od do of fo og go oh ho
ok ko ol lo om mo on no

Book. A volume in which we read or write.

Coach. A carriage of pleaſure or ſtate.

Dog. A domeſtic animal that barks when any ſtrangers come near the houſe.

Fold. The place in which ſheep are put for ſafety.

Globe. A ball; or round body on which the various parts of the world are drawn and painted.

Loom. The frame in which the weavers work their cloth.

Morn. The firſt part of the day; the morning.

Oak. The tree from which you may gather the acorn.

Book.

Coach.

Dog.

Fold.

Globe.

Loom.

Morn.

Oak.

O. o.

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My Dear,

I REJOICE with you that we are come to p, you have now only ten letters to learn and you will have gained the whole alphabet, which hereafter will afford you great amuſement when you can read the deſcriptions of the pictures in the books.

I am,

My Dear

Your ever affectionate

Mamma.

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ap pa ep pe ip pi op po

Ape. A kind of monkey.

Cap. The garment that covers the head.

Heap. Many ſingle things thrown together.

Hip. The fruit of the briar; or wild roſe tree.

Map. A geographical picture on which lands and ſeas are delineated. Perhaps your mamma will ſhow you the map of England.

Open. To uncloſe; to unlock.

Page. One ſide of the leaf of a book.

Ape.

Cap.

Heap.

Hip.

Map.

Open. To unclose; to unlock.

Page. One side of the leaf of a book.

P. p.

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My Dear,

I CANNOT find any word with q in it, unleſs joined to a letter that you are not yet acquainted with; you muſt therefore be contented with admiring the picture, and paſs over to another letter as faſt as poſſible.

I am,

My Dear

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Q. q.

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My Dear,

I TRUST my letters become every day more pleaſing to you, and that you ſpell and read the words I ſend you with more eaſe; as you go on you will find it ſtill more agreeable, and have great joy when you can read ſtories in the pretty books, of which there are ſo many prepared for you.

I am,

My Dear

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ar ra er re ir ri or ro

Arm. The limb which reaches from the hand to the ſhoulder.

Barn. A place or houſe for laying up any ſort of grain, hay, or ſtraw.

Chair. A moveable ſeat.

Fire. Flame; any thing burning.

Garden. A piece of ground encloſed and cultivated, planted with herbs and fruits.

Hare. A ſmall four footed animal, remarkable for its timidity.

Lark. A ſmall ſinging bird.

Mire. Mud; dirt.

Rain. The water that falls from the clouds.

Arm. The limb which reaches from the hand to the shoulder.

Barn. A place or house for laying up any sort of grain, hay, or straw.

Chair. A moveable seat.

Fire. Flame; any thing burning.

Garden. A piece of ground enclosed and cultivated, planted with herbs and fruits.

Hare. A small four footed animal, remarkable for its timidity.

Lark. A small singing bird.

Mire. Mud; dirt.

Rain. The water that falls from the clouds.

R. I.

Ash.
Fish.
Goose.
Ship.

R. r.

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My Dear,

I HAVE more joy in writing this letter than any I have before ſent you, for I can now give you ſome ſhort ſentences as well as words, which you will eaſily read to

Your ever affectionate

Mamma.

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as sa es se is si

Aſh. A tree.

Fiſh. An animal that lives in the water.

Gooſe. A large water-fowl.

Ship. A veſſel made to ſail on the water, and to carry men and goods.

Men go in Ships.
A Salmon is a Fiſh.
An Eagle is a Bird.

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Ab. A tree.

Fish.

Goole. A large water-bowl.

Ship. A vessel made to fail on the water, and to carry men and goods.

S. S.

Bat.

Cat.

Bleat.

Gleat.

Mat.

Gate.

S. S.

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My Dear,

YOU have very few packets more to receive, before I ſhall be able to form a letter that you will as eaſily read as you have done the ſentences, I laſt ſent you. That you may receive the ſame pleaſure in reading my letter, as I ſhall take in writing it, is the ſincere wiſh of

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Mamma.

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at ta et te it ti ot to

Bat. A little four footed animal with wings.

Cat. A domeſtic animal that catches mice.

Float. To ſwim on the ſurface of the water.

Gnat. A ſmall winged ſtinging inſect.

Hat. A cover for the head.

Tale. A narrative; a ſtory.

A cat is a clean animal.
Gnats can ſting.
Bats appear in the night.

Bat.

Cat.

Float.

Gnat.

Hat.

Tale.

T. t.

Churn.

Dough.

Fur.

Houſe.

Urn.

T. t.

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My Dear,

I HAVE before told you that two or more letters placed together form words, and that words properly placed form sentences. In my two laſt letters I ſent you ſome ſhort ſentences which you have read. I now ſend you a few more equally eaſy, whieh I expect you will ſoon read to

Your ever affectionate

Mamma.

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ub bu uc cu ud du uf fu ug gu ul lu
um mu up pu ut tu

Churn. The veſſel in which butter is made.

Dough. The paſte of bread or pies before it is baked.

Fur. Skin with ſoft hair, with which garments are lined for warmth.

Houſe. A place wherein any perſon lives.

Urn. Any veſſel of which the mouth or top is narrower than the body.

Butter is made in a Churn.
Bread is Dough baked.
Muffs are made of Fur.
Tippets are made of Fur.

Chuzz.

Dough.

Fur.

Horle.

Urn.

U. u.

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My Dear,

I FEAR you do not hear my letters read to you with the ſame pleaſure I take in writing them, but I know you will receive great pleaſure when you can read them yourſelf, which I doubt not you will be able to do ſo ſoon as you can read perfectly all the ſentences that are ſent you.

I am,

My Dear

Your ever affectionate

Mamma.

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Cave. A cavern; any hollow place.

Dove. A wild Pigeon.

Grove. A walk covered by trees meeeting above.

Pave. To make a floor with brick or ſtone.

Save. To preſerve or lay by.

Vale. A low ground; a valley.

Bats live in Caves.

Doves live in Groves.

Streets are Paved.

The river runs in the Vale.

I FEAR you do not hear my letters read to you with the same pleasure I take in writing them, but I know you will receive great pleasure when you can read them yourself, which I doubt not you will be able to do as soon as you can read perfectly all the sentences that are sent you.

I am,

My Dear

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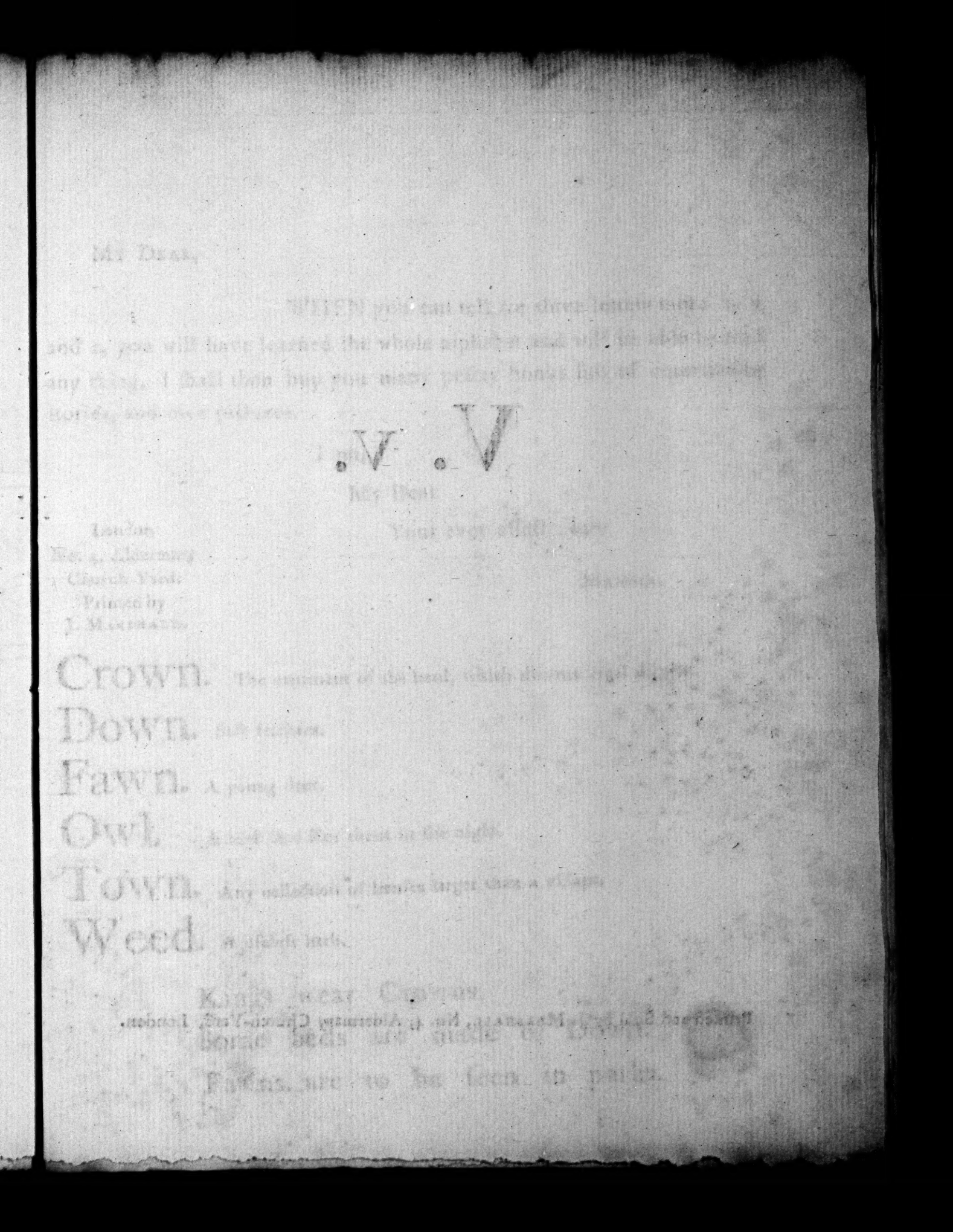

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My Dear,

WHEN you can tell me three letters more x, y and z, you will have learned the whole alphabet and will be able to read any thing, I ſhall then buy you many pretty books full of entertaining ſtories, and nice pictures.

I am,

My Dear

Your ever affectionate

Mamma.

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Crown. The ornament of the head, which denotes regal dignity.

Down. Soft feathers.

Fawn. A young deer.

Owl. A bird that flies about in the night.

Town. Any collection of houſes larger than a village.

Weed. A uſeleſs herb.

Kings wear Crowns.
Some beds are made of Down.
Fawns are to be ſeen in parks.

Crown. The ornament of the head, which denotes regal dignity.

Down. Soft feathers.

Fawn. A young deer.

Owl. A bird that flies about in the night.

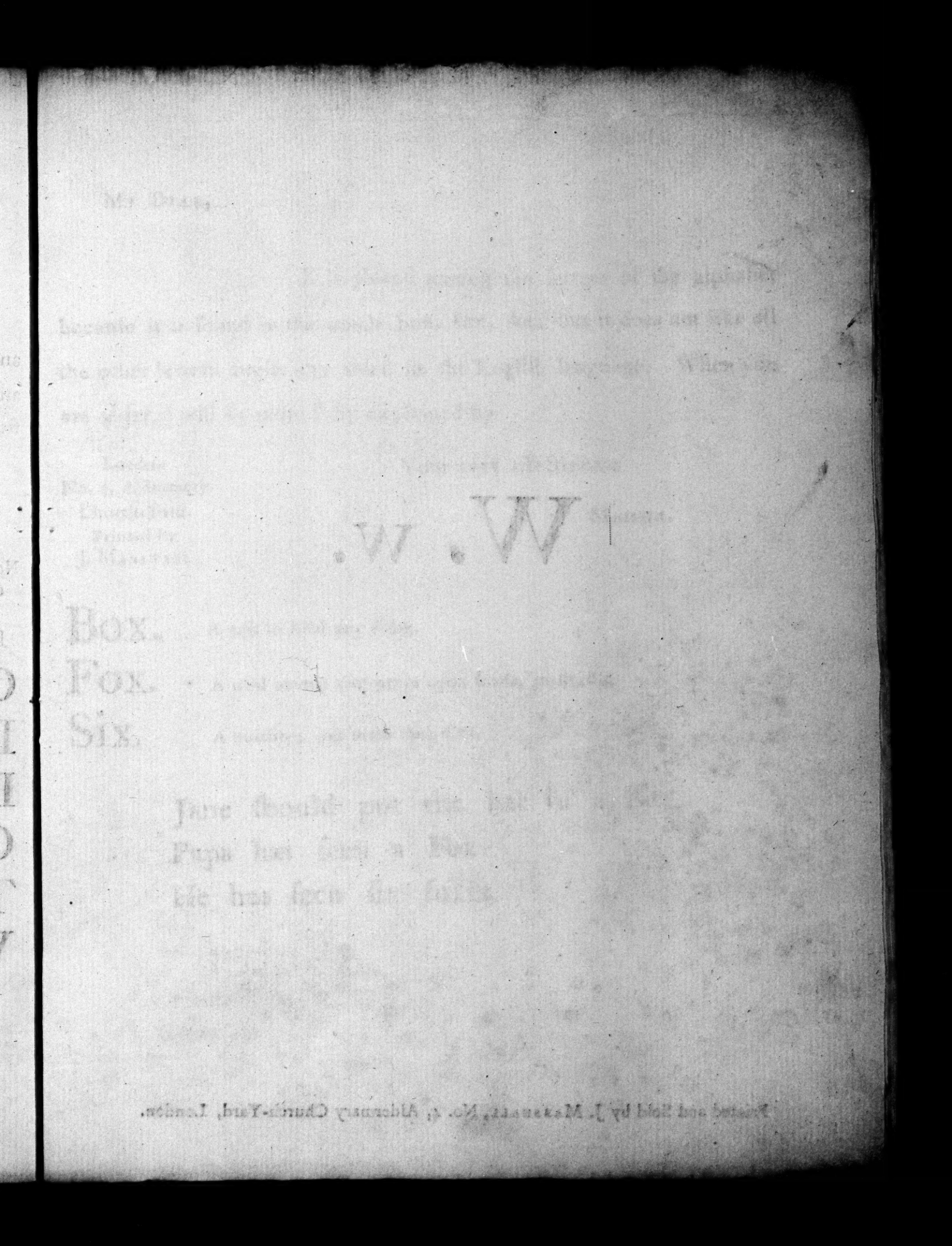
Town. Any collection of houses larger than a village.

Weed. A useless herb.

Kings wear Crowns.

Some beds are made of Down.

Fawns are to be seen in parks.



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My Dear,

X is placed among the letters of the alphabet becauſe it is found in the words box, fox, &c. but it does not like all the other letters begin any word in the Engliſh language. When you are older it will be more fully explained by

Your ever affectionate

Mamma.

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Box. A caſe to hold any thing.

Fox. A wild animal that preys upon fowls, geeſe, &c.

Six. A number; one more than five.

Jane ſhould put the hat in a Box.
Papa has ſeen a Fox.
He has ſeen ſix foxes.

X X

X. x.

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My Dear,

YOU have received twenty-five pictures and I hope you will be careful of them, for you will like to look at them again when you come to read the deſcription of each, in the little books which you will be entitled to when you can read the laſt letter. That you may ſoon have that pleaſure is the wiſh of

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Clay. A kind of earth.

Day. The time between the riſing and ſetting of the ſun.

Hay. Graſs dried to feed cattle in winter.

May. The fifth month in the year.

Sty. A place to keep hogs in.

Yew. A tree.

Some plates and diſhes are made of Clay.
The ſun ſhines in the day.
Horſes eat Hay and cows eat Hay.
Cowſlips are gathered in May.
Shall we ſee the pigs in the Sty.
The Yew tree is always green.

Clay.

Day.

Hay.

May.

Sty.

Yew.

Y. Y.

Y. y.

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My Dear,

YOU will like this letter, for you can read it, and you will ſoon be able to read all the reſt; they will then be new to you every day, and give you every day more joy. You can now read books, will not that be nice? You can ſit down by papa and read to him, he will like to hear you, and it will very much pleaſe.

Your ever affectionate

Mamma.

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